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ARE they singing "Onward, Chris-
tians" over there?

THIS is a closed season for titling
by American heires.

It may be necessary to land ma-
to protect Mr. Carnegie's peace
at The Hague.

Whether the Kaiser will reach
before the Car reaches Ber-
will still be an open question.

ARTIES who have articles for the
Exhibit should notify
John Gregory or Mrs. Walker
back. There is no reason why
it should not be most at-
tractive if all interested will cor-
co-operate.

W. PILCHER and other mem-
of the Commercial Club recent-
figured that over \$150,000
in buildings had been erected in
city during the summer. This does
include numerous small jobs of
that would add materially in
aggregate.

STRANGE reason for disinheri-
son in favor of a daughter is as-
ed by Mrs. Margaret Stockman
Hamstead, England. She says:
"I feel that my daughter is political-
handicapped or will be, and I
don't want her to have the advantage
of me. I do not want her to be
disappointed one way and not have
any sort of advantage in another. I
beginning to realize that the econ-
omic question is at the bottom of all
difficulties of women, and, there-
fore, if there is anything that a wom-
an of the present generation can do
to help the women of the next gener-
on to a proper economic basis she
ought to do it." Mrs. Stockman added
she knew of several other women
who were contemplating similar
plans.

MEXICO CAN PAY U. S. WITH
ORDERLY SELF-GOVERNMENT
REFERRING to the debt the
country of Mexico owes the United
States for its material assistance
during its internal troubles, the New
York World says:

President Wilson's order for the
withdrawal of the American troops
from Vera Cruz is hardly more im-
portant for its happy effect upon
Mexican sentiment than the time of
promulgation. The news was re-
ceived at the height of Mexico's cel-
ebration of the nation's Independence
and gave a new zest and signifi-
cance to the public rejoicings. It
has come to the Mexican people
as a new recognition and renew-
al of independence from the
past power to the north.

This is no small gift from the
Washington Government. It has
been preserved and handed over
without an extraordinary pressure
and intervention and in the face of
great provocation. As disor-
der and war-torn Mexico has
received much from the Wilson Ad-
ministration, it is owing much.

"Such a debt under an American
government less devoted to the cause
of liberty and self-government might
have had to be paid in territory, as
sometimes. It can be paid now only
in terms of greater liberty, greater
unity to life and property and
greater self government than Mexico
has ever before enjoyed. There is
another way for that country to
repay the United States for the
great services on behalf of Mex-
ican independence and orderly self-
government than to prove its worthi-
ness of independence and its ability
to maintain a government which
shall be republican in substance as
well as in form."

THE LAW TO BE ENFORCED
IN JACKSON COUNTY
REFERRING to the meeting at
the Independence Court House last
week the Star says "the most im-
portant thing about the big meet-
ing regarding County officers was the
major interest, the fervor and zeal
of the men and women who gathered
there from all parts of the county
for the first speeches of the fall
campaign. They were the men and
women who had carried Independence
and rural Jackson County day last
month. They knew the curse of the
roadhouses in Jackson county, the
blind tigers and drug store joints,
from seeing with their own eyes and
hearing with their own ears the
screams and sounds of debauchery
in their own neighborhoods.

"They knew it to be the truth
when one of the speakers said:
"Out here in Independence and
in rural Jackson County you started
a good work, but what can you do
unless you have a man like John Cell
in the prosecutor's office? You must
have men in the county offices who
will enforce the law. Your vote for
a dry county the other day will avail
nothing unless you back it with a
right vote this fall. You have voted
the saloons out, but the fight has
just begun. You and I have got to keep
working. Good government is only at
the price of eternal vigilance. You
can not hope to make strong boys
and girls out of the poison that
comes out of the open saloon and the
low dive."

"Those men who voted the county
dry, those women of the camera
squad, are inspired by the same zeal
now to put into office men who will
enforce the law at the polls by en-
forcement of the law.

"The campaign begun with such en-
thusiasm last night is going to end
with the downfall of the whisky ring,
and the party bosses know it."

IN THE time of peace prepare for
a war tax.

IT LOOKS very much like a
world's series over in Europe.

YOU may expect to hear any min-
ute now that the fellow who owes
you a quarter has issued a procla-
mation of moratorium.

Mr. VINCENT ASTOR won a \$10
prize as the best cabbage grower in
Newport. Now for a good old-fash-
ioned boiled dinner.

THE WAR is costing England
\$25,000,000 a month, but we have no
doubt Louis Brandeis could tell how
to save at least one half of it.

AMERICANS must naturally feel
complimented by the importance the
nations which are at war attach to
their opinions on the subject.

THERE are drawbacks to Repub-
lics, but as compared with the poor
exhibitions that monarchies are mak-
ing them shine as the stars.

ACCORDING to last accounts,
Jack Johnson is the only American
in Europe who is not a refugee.
When the fighting powers come to
the final treaty of peace let us hope
that one of them will claim him, his
automobiles and his diamonds as
spoils of war.

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respondence Service, Stock
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GERMANS TURNED

LONDON, Sept. 23.

The Daily Mail correspondent re-
ports that the German right has
been turned between Peronne and St.
Quentin. Wounded from the front re-
port there are nine miles of dead in
trenches between those two towns.

Kaiser's navy lost two boats. Ger-
man submarines raided North Sea
and torpedoed English crafts but suf-
fered damage. 1,565 British dead
when three cruisers sank.

About the English Ships.
LONDON, Sept. 23.
The destruction of the three cruis-
ers—Aboukir, Hogue and Crescey—
by an attack of five German subma-
rines in the North Sea was the sever-
est loss the British navy has sustained
during the war.

British cruisers and torpedo boats
came quickly to the assistance of
the doomed vessels and it is reported
that two of the German subma-
rines, while three others escaped.

The three cruisers carried more
than two thousand men, but no esti-
mate has yet been made of the num-
ber of saved or lost. It is believed
that the losses of the ill-fated ships
are bound to be heavy.

Heavy Fighting at Night.
At the Battle Front, Sept. 23.
Not a moment's respite was given
last night to the German forces
intrenched along the 90-mile front
running along the Rivers Aisne and
Oise and extending into the Woerthe
district.

The batteries of the allied forces
never ceased firing entirely all night
although their activity diminished
somewhat after sundown.

Troop Train Blown Up
LONDON, Sept. 23.
The Mail's war correspondent
states that he hears that two
trains of badly needed German re-
forcements were blown up in
between Peronne and St. Quentin
when a French gunner, who
managed to tap a telephone wire
connecting two German stations. By
this means he gained the information
that the trains were coming and
was able to place runs to command
the line. By a quick attack he was
able to ambush the trains.

MISS CLARK'S IDEA "ALL USE
COTTON" FOR FASHION SHOWS
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 20.
Washington society displayed in-
terest today in the plan proposed yester-
day by Miss Genevieve Clark of
American women using cotton more
freely in clothing and in the house-
hold to relieve the cotton situation.
Growing out of this idea came a move-
ment to hold a national cotton fash-
ion show in Washington in October.
Similar shows may be held in other
American cities.

The cotton fashion show will be
modeled after the Paris fashion
shows and the designers will be Wash-
ington society women. Manufacturers
of cotton goods will be invited to
send exhibits to acquaint the country
with the wide variety of articles
made from the staple.

Show to Last Two Days.
The tentative plans are to hold the
show shortly before the week of the
national white cotton bargain sale week,
and it will last two days. There is
talk of a designers' dinner to close
the show, at which society designers
will wear cotton evening dresses of
their own designing. The principal
decorations will be cotton bolls from
the South and cotton American flags,
portraying the highest use to which
cotton can be put.

During the coming week those in-
terested in the project will organize
and committees will be appointed to
attend to the arrangements.

Miss Clark received a telegram to-
day from Edward K. Cone, president
of the New York Cotton Exchange,
commending the bargain-sale idea.

Advices All Take Part.
"If every housewife," he wired,
"would take advantage of the pres-
ent situation and lay in her supplies
for a long period ahead she not only
would be benefitting herself, but be
doing her share in the present emer-
gency. I heartily approve of your
method that will lay before every
housewife in this country this present
opportunity. The European war has
brought about a condition that causes
cotton to sell far below the cost of
production.

"Patriotic motives, as well as self-
interest, has started the 'buy-a-half-
of-cotton' movement that promises to
be a material help not only to the
South, but to the entire country.
Many people, however much they
may desire to help this movement,
are not in a position to further this
patriotic move, but to those your plan
will be equally helpful and just as
practical. Everyone is a large con-
sumer of cotton goods in some form
for dresses, household supplies of
sheetings, towels and the innumera-
ble articles made from this staple."

Bootlegger Fined.
John Christian, a negro, who was
arrested by Sheriff Wm. Barnett,
was fined \$300 in Justice Stock's
court, Wednesday morning. The
negroes held by the City will be tried
in Police Court Thursday morning.

A. P. Little of East St. Louis, has
returned home, after a pleasant visit
with his mother and sister, Mrs. S.
E. Little, and Mrs. J. L. White, of
East Summit St.

HAMMER USED IN A BATTLE BY A BRITAIN

PARIS, Sept. 23.

Anxious to get into the fight
against the Germans, the black-
smith of the Sixth Dragon
Guardmen of the British forces,
accompanied the cavalrymen on a
charge, armed only with a
hammer, according to stories
told by guardsmen who were in
Paris.

These men had fought from
Belgium through Compiene
and Senlis and came to the cap-
ital for remounts. They said
that in one of their charges the
blacksmith grabbed his huge
hammer, mounted a horse and
rode with them, wielding his
weapon with deadly effect.

OLD FORM BALLOT
Under the new election law the old
form of the blanket ballot will be
used. There are six tickets to be vot-
ed of this fall and allowing the pro-
per space between each ticket, the bal-
lot to be voted on will be about as
large as a page of this paper.

It will be necessary for the print-
er who prints the tickets to stop his
presses six times and make up his
forms as the law provides that the
tickets must alternate in their posi-
tions on the ballots equally, that is to
say, the Democratic ticket cannot
have first position on all the ballots,
but only on one-sixth of them.

Under the primary law in Missouri
a ticket may be scratched but a name
cannot be written from one ticket to
another as this would make a mutilat-
ed ballot, but under the general elec-
tion laws in which the blanket ballot
may be used, a voter may scratch any
name on the ticket he is voting and
write in any name he chooses.

Voters are advised that if they in-
tend to vote the Democratic ticket
they must draw a heavy line through
the five other tickets on the ballots,
if this is not done the ballot has been
cast and it will be thrown out and
not counted. Under the old Austral-
ian system, on the other hand, in Mis-
souri, many voters made the mistake
when they intended to vote the
straight Democratic ticket of simply
folding the ballot and handing it to
the counting judge. Be careful of
this error in November and be sure
and draw a heavy line through the
other tickets.

The constitutional amendments and
other matters submitted under the ini-
tiative and referendum, to the num-
ber of fifteen propositions, will be
printed on a separate ballot and it
will also be about as large as two
pages of the ordinary paper.

TWO WILLS ARE FILED
Two wills were filed in the Probate
Court Monday afternoon. These are
the first wills to be filed in the Aus-
drain court since June.

The will of John F. Harrison was
made May 23 this year. His wife,
Mrs. Jennie Harrison, will be admin-
istratrix. Mr. Harrison left all of his
furniture, household goods and his
watch to his wife and the remainder
of the property is to be divided equal-
ly between his wife and his six chil-
dren. Willard Potts, Harry Atchison
and W. W. Fry, jr., were the witnesses
to the will.

All of R. A. Calhoun's estate except
\$100, which goes to his son, R. C. Cal-
houn of Denver, Colo., will be divided
among his six grandchildren, as fol-
lows: Mrs. Worth Allen, Myrtle, Ray
and Delno Calhoun, all of Mexico;
Carroll and Gladys Calhoun, of Den-
ver. If either of the heirs should die
before reaching majority the estate is
to be divided equally among the oth-
ers. W. S. Eller was made executor
without bond. J. E. Jesse and Sam
Sharp were witnesses to the will
which was made August 2, 1909.

We are pushing staples—no room
for trash. Dress goods, gloves,
hosiery, underwear, towels, napkins,
table-linens, something needed in the
year around.
RICKETTS & EMMONS D. G. CO.

The Keokuk Power Co. has made
a proposition to Westville, agree-
ing to furnish 15 street lights and a
day and night electric current for
\$480 per year. The matter is being
taken up by the citizens of the town.

Mrs. George Snedeker, of south of
this city, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs.
Henry Snedeker and E. O. Snedeker
and family, all of Laddonia.

Presiding Judge Alex Carter and
Ivan Ashworth are attending the
Illinois State Fair at Springfield.

NEW LONDON has a citizen who has
a unique record. John Will Lash-
brook has not had his beard shaved
for twenty-six years. He has worn
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north of Mexico, have gone to Bloom-
ington, Ill., for a visit.

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turned to their home in Slater after a
visit with T. J. Kelso in this city.

BIG ROUNDUP WEEK

The "Round-Up" Week plans, as
explained at a meeting of merchants
in the City Hall, Monday evening,
were enthusiastically received and a
committee appointed to cover the busi-
ness section explaining the proposi-
tion so the soliciting committee, which
starts Wednesday morning, will lose
little time in their work. The sum
needed is about \$1,000.

The first week in November is be-
ing considered as the date. The plan
is somewhat as follows: Six days shall
be given over to the lectures of Farm
and Home Economic experts, demon-
strations of various phases of farm-
ing, fighting hog cholera, county
school teachers and school board mem-
bers, stock judging contests, stock
sales, boys' corn judging contest,
showing of entries in Boys' corn-
growing contest and many other in-
terests will be touched upon that per-
tain directly to farming.

Men and women, leaders in their
fields of work, will be upon the pro-
gram. It will be held under the aus-
pices of the Audrain County Farm
Bureau and the citizens and business
men of Mexico will pay the expense
of the entertainment.

The committee to explain the propo-
sition to the business men and the
territory they will cover is as fol-
lows: West side Square, Nate Philip-
lip; South Washington St., P. L.
Hanley and W. T. Dawson, east
side Square, L. F. Ross and J. P.
Powell; north side Square, W. W.
Pollock and L. L. Barth; South Jeffer-
son St., Walter Sannbeck and
Wm. Ball; south side Square, E. E.
Cantrell and R. D. Worrell, Promen-
ade St., A. Larsen.

Those present at the meeting were
Wm. Ball, W. W. Pollock, T. A. Brad-
ford, P. L. Hanley, W. L. Sannbeck,
W. T. Dawson, J. P. Powell, L. L.
Barth, F. W. Pilcher, Roy Ferris, L.
F. Ross, L. M. White, A. Larsen, R.
E. Race, Si and Nate Phillip.

Walter Sannbeck suggested that
motor cars take different roads lead-
ing out of Mexico and over the coun-
ty and visit every house to extend an
invitation to attend the Week.

WAR IN MEXICO
EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 22.
Rumblings from the crater of Mex-
ican politics are heard in Northern
Mexico and in spite of the muffled
denials thrown out by officials Gen-
eral Villa's invasion of Sonora points
to a new revolution. Everything seems
to verify the report that the Presi-
dent has broken with rebel general
because he is alleged to have repudiated
his promise for representation
for troops at the coming election. Both
sides refuse to discuss the rumors.

Villa's secretary, Aguirre Benavides,
denied reports that Gen. Obregon
had been imprisoned or had an es-
trangement with Gen. Villa.

Persons who were witnesses of the
trouble at Chihuahua City last Friday,
however, declared Villa had placed Ob-
regon under arrest, threatening to
shoot him and all members of his
staff, but later had altered his ver-
dict. The trouble arose, they said,
over the invasion of Sonora, Obregon's
native State.

Obregon recently has been acting
as mediator between Carranza and
Villa. He is commander of the
Northwestern military zone, includ-
ing the State of Sonora.

BURNING OF EDITOR'S AUTO
Omar D. Gray, one of Missouri's
best known editors, suffered quite a
loss Saturday night when his garage
and store house at his home in Stur-
gen were destroyed by fire.

The origin of the fire is unknown.
Besides the building Mr. Gray lost
his splendid new auto, a Moon 6, a
winter's supply of hard coal, as well
as many other things that were in
the store house during the summer
months.

BRITAIN WANTS 10,000 PONIES
NEW YORK, Sept. 22.
Zach Miller, one of the owners of
the 101 Ranch Wild West Show, was
a passenger on the St. Paul, in today
from Liverpool.

"The English Government," he
said, "got my prize cow ponies. I
have an order for 10,000 mountain
ponies for the British Government,
and I expect to ship them within a
week after I hit opulent Oklahoma."

Inspecting the Stores
Women See That Merchants Keep
Up to the Standard

The food and drug stores of Mex-
ico were re-inspected by a commit-
tee from the Federated Women's
Clubs, Wednesday morning. The
women intend to inspect the stores
at stated times to see that they keep
up to the standard.

Mrs. T. H. Winans, speaking for
the committee, said the women did
not wish to be too stringent with
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Three Dollar Day Waist Bargains

- No. 6. A very appealing model in voile and organdie, ornamented with dainty embroidery and fine tucks, and gaining added refinement through the generous use of hemstitching.
- No. 7. Made of pretty satin striped crepe, in white, blue and pink. Vest collar and cuffs of fine organdie, corded seams and large crocheted buttons.
- No. 8. This waist, too, shows what particularly pleasing effect can be obtained through the use of pique, cut to form a vest together with soft material (here it is voile) for the body of waist. Large ornamental glass buttons.



Waists like these were never offered in Mexico at these prices. Just a limited quantity and all so good they won't last long

DOES IT PAY TO "HARP?"

A Writer in The Kansas City Star Says He Thinks It Does.

To The Star: A man said to me the other day: "The Star is always harping on something—some reform. I wonder sometimes if they'll ever get anywhere with it."

We were talking in my library. I took from a shelf "The Making of an American," by Jacob Riis, the newspaper writer who spent years and years making New York a better place to live in. From the book I read this:

"No chance was ever allowed to pass of telling the people what they were harboring (police controlled charities). They simply needed to know, I felt sure of that. And I know now that I was right. But it takes a lot of telling to make a city know when it is doing wrong. However, that was what I was there for."

"When it didn't seem to help I would go and look at a stone cutter hammering away at his rock perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and one blow it will split in two, and I knew it was that that blow that did it, but all that had gone before together."

"When my fellow workers smiled, I used to remind them of the Israelites that marched seven times around Jericho and blew their horns before the walls fell."

"Well, you go ahead and blow yours," they said, "you have the faith."

"And I did, and the walls did fall, though it took nearly twice seven years. But they came down, as the walls of ignorance and indifference must every time, if you blow hard enough and long enough, with faith in your course and in your fellow man. It is just a question of endurance. If you keep it up, they can't."

Then I pointed to the parks, the boulevards, the rock roads, the city welfare system, the new station, the federal reserve bank and a lot of other good things for which we owe largely to the Star. (My friend hasn't been here long enough to know that.)

"How long did the Star 'harp' before these reforms came?" he asked.

"Well, the Star is only about 34 years old," I answered.

(From Kansas City Star)

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WAR HAS COST FORTY WARSHIPS —FRANCE LOST NONE

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.

Forty warships have either been destroyed, badly damaged, or otherwise lost to the European powers since the war began. These are the known losses as reported in the belligerent countries. The sinking of the German surveying ship Mowe by the British cruiser Pegasus, announced in London without a date, suggests that other warship disasters may be concealed.

The naval casualties show that France alone of the great powers has not suffered at sea. The losses of the other countries are:

- Germany 22
- Great Britain 19
- Austria 5
- Russia 2
- Japan 1

Democrats Alter River and Harbor Appropriation Bill Considerably

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.
The Senate Commerce Committee, carrying out the instructions of the upper house of Congress, is drafting a substitute for the \$34,000,000 river and harbor bill. The new measure is to carry a lump appropriation of \$30,000,000, to be expended at the discretion of the War Department on existing waterway projects.

The action of the Senate in recom-
mitting the bill, by a vote of 27 to 22, ended the fight over the measure and was a victory for Senator Burton of Ohio, who had led a determined filibuster against it.

MANY BRITISH
MERCHANT SHIPS
SENT TO BOTTOM
NEW YORK, Sept. 23.
Two German cruisers, the Em-
sting in the Bay of
Bengal, and the Dresden, patrol-
ing the Brazilian coast, have de-
stroyed at least twenty British
merchant vessels within the last
ten days. The majority of these
were bound for American or Cu-
ban ports.

Model Bakery Improved.
The Model Bakery, now under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Ackman, has been greatly improved and redecorated. They are adding several new departments and are branching out generally.

Be prepared for cold weather—get a pair of our all-wool blankets and save money.
RICKETTS & EMMONS D. G. CO.

Mrs. W. E. Berry, of Fort Worth, Texas, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Lewis, has returned to her home.

Saloons Voted Out of Virginia
RICH